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Dear General Truscott:

Since writing my letter of 23 June 1951, General Huebner returned and left with me a copy of Lt. Colonel Cantrell's memorandum of 13 June 1951, of which I understand you have a copy, referring to the JCS paper of 28 March 1951 about placing maximum emphasis on operations for the retardation of Soviet advances in Western Europe after D-Day. General Huebner also told me of his conversations with General Williams on this general subject. In view of this, I held up my letter to you in order to have another look at the problem and also in the hope that in the meantime the NSC would take some definite stand on the subject. The paper proposed for adoption by the NSC, and which instructs CIA to place major emphasis on its various activities directed toward a successful outcome of the cold war rather than upon actual preparations for a hot war, will probably be under consideration for some weeks by the Joint Chiefs, so that we may not have an early answer to our problem.

Of course this does not mean that we should not engage in joint planning and, where our resources and capabilities permit, prepare for action which would work toward retarding any Soviet advance. In fact, we are already trying to do this. It is only a question of the proper use of our resources, which are not adequate to cover fully all the tasks assigned us.



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Sincerely yours,

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